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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : Intelligence on Communist China

1. As a result of study aimed at determining how we can improve both our data base as well as our intelligence competency on Communist China, several areas which will require additional attention have emerged. Among these are the following.

a. The problem of obtaining personnel academically trained in fields applicable to our intelligence interest on China and in the Chinese language.

b. The desirability of exploiting to the maximum practicable degree the extensive stock of photography of China which is on hand in order to advance our level of knowledge of the Chinese economic/industrial complex.

c. The need for identification of those elements of the economic/industrial complex which warrant priority targeting by COMOR for high-resolution photography to permit more nearly accurate assessment of individual targets.

2. It is requested that you take the following actions aimed at resolution or alleviation of some of the problems involved in these areas.

a. Undertake the monitoring of the scale and scope of training being given in colleges in those China-related academic fields

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which are applicable to the intelligence community's field of interest. I would also like you to initiate action as feasible to stimulate the scale of enrollment in such studies. In so doing, you should bear in mind the overall needs of the intelligence community for various types of expertise on China, as well as numbers of personnel required. I would expect you to work closely with the Director of Personnel and the Director of Training of the Agency in this activity, as well as with other components of the intelligence community and of other branches of the Government as appropriate.

b. In the field of photographic exploitation, undertake within your Directorate a significantly increased study in depth of the already available photography along with collateral source material for the purpose of improving our intelligence data base on the Chinese economic/industrial complex. While I recognize that there will be problems attached to such an effort, I should nevertheless like you to proceed as rapidly as practicable and apprise me of problems which you encounter or anticipate in which action on my part may be required.

c. Identify those target areas in the Chinese economic/industrial complex which merit being targeted for high-resolution photographic coverage, and levy requirements upon COMOR for coverage of these areas, including the establishment of a priority sufficiently high to provide for this coverage within a reasonable period of time.

3. I should appreciate being advised from time to time of progress made in implementing the above actions.

/s/ Richard Helms

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